

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Family Update
May 12, 2020



From the Executive Director

Dear Families,

Between video chats, phone calls, texts and cards, the message of love and appreciation filled Carroll Lutheran Village this past Sunday.

Happy Mother's Day to all of you!

Carroll Lutheran Village Residents
and Team Members



COVID-19 Case Numbers Clarified

We believe in full transparency about how COVID-19 is impacting our community and what we're doing to keep our community safe. We communicate daily and report all cases to the Department of Health as required.

We share weekly updates, like this letter, with you, residents and team members. These letters are posted on the website. Updates Include:

- The number of positive cases, recoveries, casualties and any information.
- Changes in operation that affects the health, safety or well being of residents and team members.
- A look at life inside the community so other residents, families and friends can see that life continues at CLV.

We have fielded a couple of questions about the timeliness of the updates and/or discrepancies between the number of COVID-19 cases we share versus, the number of cases media outlets share.

The updated numbers we share each Tuesday are current and accurate. These numbers may change later in the week, depending on what resource reporters reference and/or what day they are referencing those resources.

We encourage and welcome anyone with questions to call the CLV Cares Hotline 443-605-1013 or email us at CLVCares@clvillage.org.

The health, safety, and care of our residents remains our first priority. Always. *Unless* there is a health or safety risk to residents that requires additional communication to residents or families, we'll continue to maintain our weekly letters.

COVID-19 Update at Carroll Lutheran Village *Tuesday, May 12, 2020*

Staff Positive Cases: 12
Staff Deaths: 0
Resident Positive Cases: 38
Resident Deaths: 8

Please keep in mind, these are cumulative numbers. Of these:

- 21 residents are on the other side of 14 days since being diagnosed.
- 6 have successfully discharged home.
- 5 are currently positive in the HCC, though this includes some residents that came to us from the hospital already positively diagnosed.
- 7 staff who tested positive are recovering and returning to work.
- There is one confirmed case of COVID-19 in Independent Living. They have been at Carroll Hospital and admitted to the HCC.
- There is one resident in Assisted Living who has tested positive at the hospital.

Who Qualifies for Gov. Hogan's Mandated COVID-19 Testing?



Gov. Hogan has issued an executive order requiring universal COVID-19 testing of residents and employees at all nursing homes across the state.

It's important to note that Carroll Lutheran Village is not a stand-alone nursing home. As a continuing care retirement community, we offer different levels of care, including a skilled nursing facility, which is also called a nursing home or health care facility.

The Maryland Department of Health is still evaluating how to handle testing on campuses with more than one level of care like Carroll Lutheran Village.

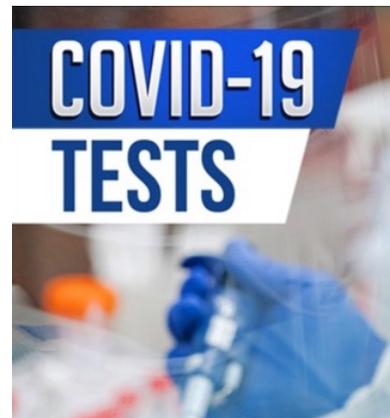
At this time, there are no plans to test Assisted Living or Residential Living residents unless the resident demonstrates symptoms of COVID-19.

We continue to communicate daily with our industry partners such as Leading Age Maryland and the local health departments, and await details on how they will implement the Governor's order to expand testing.

Frequent Asked Questions: Universal COVID-19 Testing

Who will be coordinating the increased testing in nursing homes across the state?

The state will test nursing home residents and staff through Medical Assist Teams (MATs), sometimes called strike teams. MATs will test everyone at least once. Local health officers may also support testing at nursing homes in their area.



Which nursing home and health care facilities will receive the testing first?

The MAT teams plan to go first to where the need is greatest.

How long will it take to complete testing and receive results?

It could take several weeks to complete testing, based on lab capacity to process the tests. MATs also will space out the tests—both based on timing and location.

What is Carroll Lutheran Village doing to prepare for the testing?

We are doing everything we can and should do to prepare for testing, including:

Forwarding required data daily to local, state and federal agencies. This includes the number of resident and staff cases and the number of residents and staff that are currently being tested.

Gathering important information and directives during daily and weekly conference calls with the local, state and federal agencies.

Daily COVID-19 task team meetings to share critical information sent by the local, state and federal agencies and assess operations.

Monitoring levels of our personal protective equipment (PPE) and taking immediate action to replenish any low levels of PPE.

You can view all of the details here:

<https://governor.maryland.gov/2020/04/29/governor-hogan-announces-new-actions-to-address-covid-19-outbreaks-in-poultry-processing-plants-and-nursing-homes/>

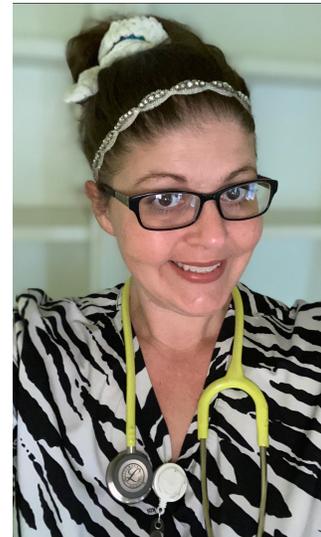
Way to go, Ms. Vivian, and Team Member, Tara West LPN



In case you missed the video of Ms. Vivian walking back to her room after battling COVID-19, here it is!

<https://www.facebook.com/CarrollLutheranVillage/videos/2615045698779611/>

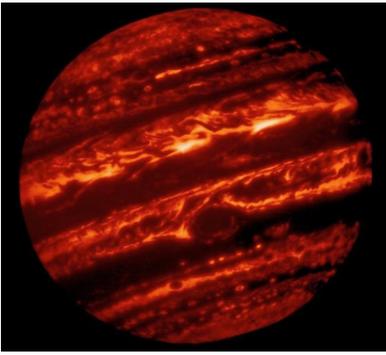
And a most appreciative shoutout to Tara West LPN, Ms. Vivian's bedside nurse and the amazing, dedicated staff at the Health Care Center.



Speaking of Heroes....

"Legendary street artist Banksy hasn't let quarantine slow him down. First, he transformed his bathroom into an art installation and now he's paying tribute to healthcare workers with a gift to a UK hospital. His newest work, which shows a young boy kneeling down as he plays with a doll dressed as a nurse—complete with face mask—shows how these vital workers should be celebrated as heroes. This is reinforced by the fact that fictional heroes like Batman and Spiderman sit in a basket, as the boy prefers to play with his new role model." MyModernMet.com





Also from My Modern Met:

Scientists Reveal Fiery New Photo of Jupiter Taken From Earth

By pooling information from NASA's **Juno probe**, the **Hubble Space Telescope**, and the Gemini Observatory, researchers were able to puzzle together a photo that gives us new insight into the planet's storm systems.

<https://mymodernmet.com/infrared-jupiter-noirlab/>



Saunders: Three who are making a difference in the lives of many

Hermine Saunders, thanks for sharing how residents at Carroll Lutheran Village are continuing make life better for others, despite social distancing and stay-at-home guidelines.

"What are older people doing with their valuable time during these days of confinement? I can tell you about three such gentlemen living at Carroll Lutheran Village, ranging in ages 73 to 90, who continue to deserve recognition for what they do to make life better for all generations every day of the year."

Read more:

<https://www.baltimoresun.com/maryland/carroll/lifestyles/cc-lt-saunders-051020-20200508-kfyv7c3jb5a5jaihggdnluaycq-story.html>

Preventive Measure & Protocols

We remain vigilant in adhering to all preventive measures and protocols we have in place, including:

- Clinical Team members working in the Health Care Center are not providing care or service anywhere in the Independent Living or Assisted Living buildings.
- All staff members caring for sick patients wear personal protective equipment (PPE).
- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Residents who leave the community to an area of known COVID-19 activity are encouraged to complete a health screening and temperature check upon their return and are requested to self-quarantine for 14 days.
- Residents are requested to wear cloth masks when leaving their

- We track our PPE inventory daily. We have several avenues that are filtering us PPE and we have strong relationships with the local health departments for additional resources if needed.
- All team members throughout the community must undergo health screenings and temperature checks prior to the start of their shifts.
- All health care workers are screened and have their temperature checked prior to the start of each shift and every 8 hours.
- **Residents are requested to remain at home** in the community unless they have an essential reason to leave (i.e., a medically required doctor's appointment).

home for any reason, including picking up their mail.

- There are **No Visitors Allowed**, except to provide essential health care or compassionate care to residents. These essential visitors must complete a health questionnaire and have their temperature checked before entering the community.
- Residents not feeling well or experiencing symptoms that include fever, cough, or shortness of breath, should call their primary physician and remain at home. They should also contact Ashley DiMaggio, Infection Preventionist, at 443-605-1022.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation!

Additional Resources for Information & Questions

CLV Website
www.clvillage.org

CLV Cares Email
CLVCares@clvillage.org

CLV Facebook
[@carrolllutheranvillage](https://www.facebook.com/carrolllutheranvillage)

CLV Cares Hotline
443-605-1013

Subscribe to Weekly Updates

Anyone can subscribe to CLV's weekly updates by visiting www.clvillage.org and clicking on the "Subscribe" button at the top of the homepage. A printed version of these letters is also placed in residents' mailboxes and mailed to family members.

Take care,



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